

Our view of the written Word will never rise above our view of the Person of the Word—Jesus Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD IS A DYNAMIC DECLARATION

The Word of God is not only a Person; it is what God **says**. The Word of God was the chosen means by which every created thing was brought into being.

Hebrews 11:3, By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (ESV)

The dynamic declaration, the Word of God, pervades the stretches of the universe and holds it together to accomplish his purpose.

Isaiah 55:11, The same thing is true of the words I speak. They will not return to me empty. They make the things happen that I want to happen, and they succeed in doing what I send them to do.

Hebrews 1:3, God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way. By his own mighty word, he holds the universe together. (CEV)

THE WORD OF GOD IS A DOCUMENT

Just as the visible, physical Jesus was a distillation of what God had to say in a human body, the Bible a distillation of the message of God in written form.

It is the divinely inspired witness to the story of God in human history, bringing witness to Jesus Christ.

John 5:39, You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! (NLT)

THE WORD OF GOD IS A LIFE FORCE

Faith comes when we "hear" the Word of God.

Romans 10:17, Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKVJ)

For hearing to occur, there must be a speaking voice.

Psalm 29:4, The voice of the Lord is powerful and majestic. (NIV)

God has spoken, and God is still speaking. Neither claim threatens the other.

With humility, let us receive the engrafted Word of God.

James 1:21, Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. (KJV)